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(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

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ENCLOSURES

2. Enclosed herewith is:

An amendment

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

3. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

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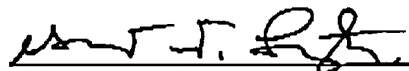
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INVENTORSHIP

7. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 7/31/06


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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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